

North Hull Community Rainbow Garden



Newsletter July-September 2023



Summer into autumn

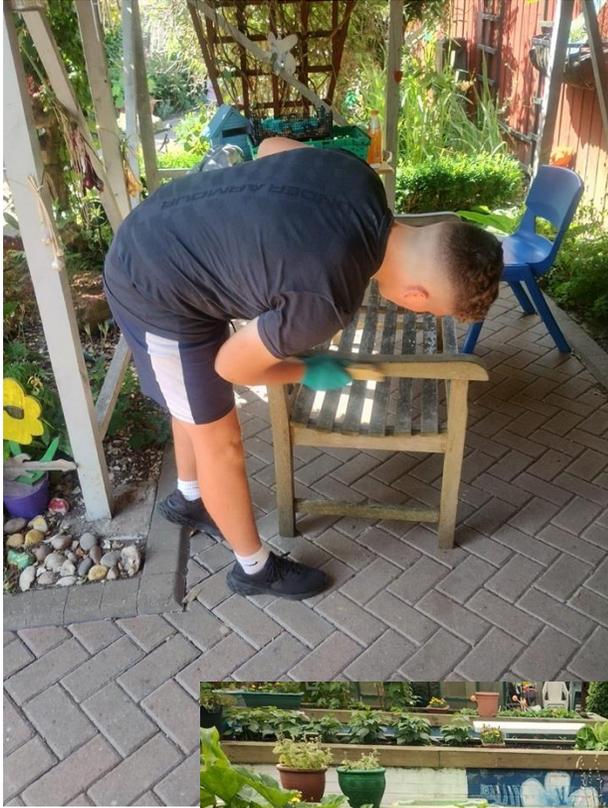
It's been a busy few months at the garden.

- ▶ We've had regular sessions such as:
 - ▶ Ravergers
 - ▶ Messy Play
 - ▶ Womens Group
 - ▶ Volunteer and service user sessions
 - ▶ After-school club returns.
- ▶ We lost a birch tree to the high winds but saved the trunk for crafting.
- ▶ Funding received from Healthy Holidays to hold family sessions.
- ▶ Held a trustee meeting.
- ▶ Crop sharing.
- ▶ Tools donated by a volunteer at Inverness Botanical Garden, whilst on a trip down south.
- ▶ Clearing plants and weeds to make space for the next season.
- ▶ Keeping flower beds tidy in the local vicinity for residents.

Work experience

We had two work-experience students in July, who took a great deal of initiative and helped a great deal around the garden.

Along with willow pruning, they prepped and painted a bench and spruced up one of the raised beds.



Womens Group



The womens group have been doing papier mache, glass painting and quilling during recent sessions.

It's been great to have some honorary members join in, from Simon making Papier Mache mushrooms with wife Jo, to little ones dabbling in crafts and the sandpit.



Ravengers assemble!

We kicked off July with a garden full of Ravengers over two sessions, breaking down a plethora of electrical items including a hairdryer, kettle, laptops and a camcorder. Our little Ravengers sometimes prefer to play in the mud kitchen and sandpit though!



Celebration Day

The end of August saw everyone coming together at the garden for our Celebration Day. We'd like to extend a big thank-you to our Trustees who support us throughout the year, volunteers, families and service users who make the garden the fabulous place it is.

We enjoyed crafts, face painting, live music, some lovely speeches, alongside lots of food and cups of tea. We also had great support from our local MP and Council Area Team.



Green Flag award

In late July, we heard the fabulous news that we had once again been awarded the Green Flag Award by Keep Britain Tidy for our beautiful garden.

Thank you to everyone who helps to make the garden a fabulous place!



Healthy Holidays

This summer we were awarded funding by Healthy Holidays, which enabled us to put on the following sessions:

- Sams Safari - storytime with a variety of small animals, from rabbits to scorpions!
- Dave Watts Percussion Workshops
- Lion Learners
- Dom Heffer Art Workshops - including an alien invasion!
- Cecil Jones Drumming Workshops

66 individuals attended the sessions, bringing new faces into the garden alongside many regular families.

We were able to hand out flyers for our sessions to new visitors to the garden. Parents and carers were happy to give ideas and feedback, which will help inform the future of the garden.



Messy Play

We've had some lovely messy play sessions this summer, bringing in new regulars to the garden from near and far. Some sessions really lived up to their name, with several clothing changes needed.

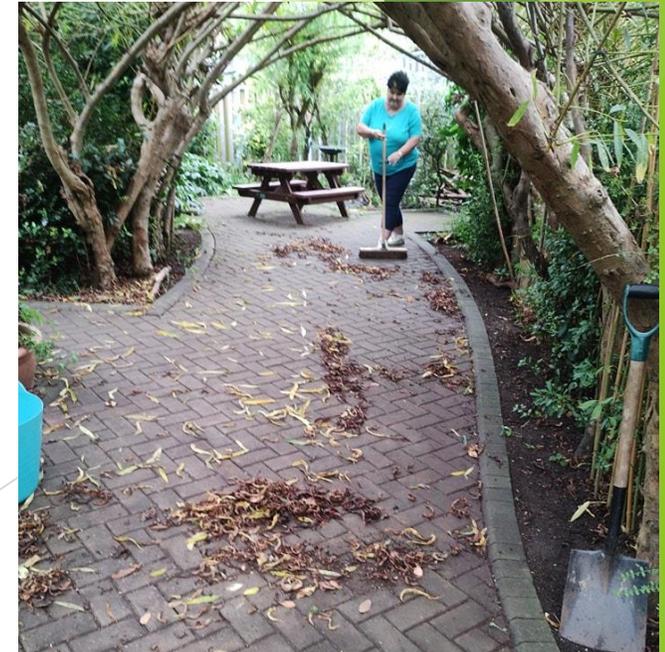


Garden maintenance



- ▶ The garden keeps us busy whatever the season, but the change between summer and autumn is perhaps the busiest. We have:

- ▶ Pulled up bulbs for storing
- ▶ Weeded in-between rain showers
- ▶ Cleared overgrown borders
- ▶ Painted garden ornaments
- ▶ Deadheaded flowers



Harvest Time

- ▶ We love harvesting crops from the garden to share with our volunteers.
- ▶ This season we have shared tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, carrots, beans, broccoli, crab apples, money plants, hellebores and more.



After-school Club

- ▶ After-School Club returned in September.
- ▶ The children picked crops, with some of the delights not even making it home! Sweetcorn is at its most delicious straight off the plant, we're sure you'll agree!





Do you have any comments or ideas about things you would like to see us do?
Would you like to volunteer yourself, or discuss making a referral from your org?

We'd love to hear from you!

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